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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - 9TH PLENARY MEETING -
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SUMMARY. NINTH PLENARY CONSISTED OF EIGHT COUNTRY STATEMENTS (CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ISRAEL, COLOMBIA, FINALND SENEGAL, POLAND, SUDAN, BULGARIA) PLUS STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERNTATIONAL YOUTH POPULATION CONFERENCE. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, BULGARIA SAID PRG SHOULD BE INVITED TO WPC AS DID SENEGAL AND IYPC SPOKESMEN WITH LAST TWO ALSO SAYING GRUNK SHOULD BE INVITED. ANNOUNCED CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING 2:30 P.M. 26 AUGUST.

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID IT: A) HAD BEEN POLICIES SINCE 1968 TO INCREASE ITS NOW 1 PERCENT PRATE OF POPULATION GROWTH; B) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME COUNTRIES NEEDED TO CHECK THEIR BIRTH RATE AS PART OF THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION BUT THAT OTHERS
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SUCH AS CUBA, MEXICO AND ALGERIA HAD BENEFITED FROM A HIGH RATE

OF POPULATION GROWTH. COLONIALISM AND FOREIGN EXPLOITATION WERE THE MAJOR CULPRITS SLOWING GROWTH AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY WOULD PERMIT THE WORLD TO GREATLY INCREASE ITS FOOD SUPPLY.

2. ISRAEL - AFTER CITING HOW THE WORLD HAD GOTTEN SMALLER, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS HAD ERASED MANY BARRIERS, AD RELEVANCE OF F.D. ROOSEVELT'S FOUR FREEDOMS, SAID EVERY PERSON AND GROUP OF PEOPLES WAS DIFFERENT AND THAT WORLD CANNOT IGNORE NATIONAL ETHNIC NEEDS--NEEDS THAT IN THE CASE OF ISRAEL HAD SEEN ONE MILLION JEWISH REFUGEES LEGITIMATELY RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND MANY FROM COUNTRIES WHERE JEWS WERE STILL BRUTALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. AID THAT RICH COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY THOSE RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES HAD AN OBLIGATION TO SHARE THEIR WEALTH WITH THE LESS WELL BLESSED BUT WARNED THAT THE NATURAL RESOURCE RICH MAY TRY TO USE THEIR WEALTH WITH STRINGS AS A NEW WEAPON OF IMPERIALISM. LAUDED THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN ISRAEL WHERE THEY ARE "LORD OF THEIR OWNSELVES AND BODIES". SAID THAT ALL SHORT-GERM BUSINESS PROFIT CONSIDERATIONS THAT HURT THE ENVIRONMENT NEEDED BE ENDED.

3. COLOMBIA - TOLD HOW POPULATION WAS NOW AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THAT INFORMATION WAS BEING PROVIDED TO PARENTS TO HELP THEM MAKE TRULY FREE CHOICES RE FAMILY SIZE. SAID WORLD FOOD SITUATION WAS SERIOUS AND THAT COLOMBIA WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO HELP PRODUCE MUCH MORE FOOD IF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM WAS MADE FAIRER AND A SYSTEM OF BUFFER STOCKS ESTABLISHED. TALKED ABOUT THE STEADILY IMPROVING STATUS OF WOMEN IN COLOMBIA (INCLUDING AN IMPORTANT NEW BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS AND COLOMBIA HAVING SIX WOMEN GOVERNORS) AND ITS PLAYING HOST TO THE WORLD'S WOMEN YEAR CONFERENCE IN 1975.

4. FINLAND. SAID IT FAVORED THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WITHOUT RESERVATIONS AND VIEWED IMPLEMENTING ITS GOALS AND PROGRAMS PLUS EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AS THE NECESSARY PREREQUISITES TO TACKLING THE REAL DETERMINANTS OF THE POPULATION PROBLEM. SAID THE CONSUMPTION EXPLOSION WAS MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN THE POPULATION EXPLOSION FOR THE WORLD'S PRESENT EVILS. FAVORED THE WPPA ESPECIALLY THE MORAL IMPERATIVE OF FURTHER LOWERING MORTALITY RATES. WANTS EVERYONE TO RETHINK MEANING OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER MINIMIZE NEGATIVE SIDE EFFECTS
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AND MAXIMIZE THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH.

5. SENEGAL - AFTER COMING OUT FOR PRG AND GRUNK ATTENDANCE AT THE WPC, REGRETTING THE ARTIFICIAL DIVISION OF KOREA, SLAPPING AT INTERNATIONAL COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN AFRICA, AND HOPING TO GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD SOON SEE TO IT THAT THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE GET THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS HONORED, SAID THAT SENEGAL STRONGLY FAVORED DEVELOPMENT NOW AND FAMILY PLANNING

LATER. THIS IS WHAT SENEGAL NEEDED EVEN IF 52 PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION WAS CURRENTLY UNDER TWENTY AND IT COULD NOT NOW MEET THE COUNTRY'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH NEEDS. WHILE PRIVATE GROUPS MIGHT DO A LITTLE IN FAMILY PLANNING, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ONLY ON DEVELOPMENT ALTHOUGH IT WAS HAPPY TO GET CENSUS HELP FROM UNFPA AND SENEGAL SUPPORTED UNFPA'S CALL FOR MORE FUNDS.

6. POLAND - SPEAKING IN ENGLISH GAVE THE WEAKEST ENDORSEMENT OF AN EE COUNTRY FOR SEATING THE PRG AND THE BEST (IF FAR FROM IDEAL) EE ENDORSEMENT TO THE DRAFT WPPA AND TO THE U.S. ARGUMENT THAT GENERAL DEVELOPMENT, SOCIO-ECONOMIC REFORMS AND SPECIFIC ACTION ON POPULATION PROBLEMS CAN AND SHOULD ALL BE PURSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY. TOLD OF POLAND'S DEVELOPMENTAL STRATEGY WHICH STRESSED THE ENRICHMENT IN THE QUALITY AND LONGEVITY OF LIFE, THE ROLE AND RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN INCLUDING EQUAL CIVIL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

7. SUDAN - IN A QUOTED STATEMENT SAID THAT WHILE IT HAD A VERY LOW PER CAPITA INCOME AND ITS POPULATION WOULD GROW FROM 16 TO 30 MILLION BY 2000, THAT IT HAD SO MANY UNUSED NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUCH A LOW DENSITY THAT IT HAD NO POPULATION PROBLEM BUT RATHER ALL IT NEEDED WAS \$2 BILLION FOR ITS SEVEN YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EVEN BEGIN TO HELP FEED THE WORLD. SLAPPED AT THE WEST'S "PADDED" LIFE-STYLE PROTECTED BY \$300 BILLION IN ARMAMENTS, THANKED THE NETHERLANDS FOR THEIR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE, UNFPA FOR ITS CENSUS HELP AND THE UN AND GULF STATES FOR OFFERING DEVELOPMENTAL AID IN THE SOUTH TO HELP HEAL THE PREVIOUS NORTH-SOUTH ANIMOSITIES IN SUDAN. SAID HE SENSED TOO MUCH DETACHMENT AND DRIFT AT THE WPC AND AN EXCESSIVE STRESS ON SOVEREIGNTY.

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8. BULGARIA - SAID IT HAD A PRO-NATAL POLICY, WOULD LIKE CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER PRO-NATAL COUNTRIES, AND THAT WHILE HISTORY HAD PROVEN MALTHUS WRONG, ACKNOWLEDGED SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD HAD POPULATIN GROWTH PROBLEMS TODAY THAT HAMPERED THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIO/ECONOMIC CHANGE. IF ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD TAKE UP THE USSR INITIATIVE THAT THEY REDUCE THEIR ARMAMENT BUDGET BY 10 PERCENT SOME OF THAT MONEY COULD GO TO HELPING SOLVE POPULATION PROBLEMS.

9. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH POPULATION CONFERENCE SPOKESMAN, JAMES GEE, READ OUT TO THE PLENARY THE STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE IYPC. THEY COVER THE WATERFRONT AS WELL AS RECOMMENDING THE PRG, GRUNK, NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA BE INVITED TO THE WPC (LAST TWO ALREADY HAD BEEN), ROUNDING CONDEMNING ZIONISTIC MIGRATION AND EXPANSION AND STATING PLO WAS ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE REFUGEE CAUSE. SAID DRAFT WPPA WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A HUGE SERIES OF COMPROMISES THAT COULDN'T LEAD TO EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS
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BECAUSE IT OVERLOOKED MOST ROOT CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM SUCH AS OVER CONSUMPTION, EXPLOITATION BY THE DEVELOPED WORLD, WARS AND ARMAMENTS. IT ALSO BADLY UNDER EMPHASIZED THE ROLES OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY, YOUTH, WOMEN AND RURAL MODERNIZATION. COPIES OF THE IYPC STATEMENT WILL BE SENT TO THE DEPT UNDER COVER AIRGRAM. BARNES

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